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Troy Water Places Number One- On To State Fair

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(August 19, 2004- TROY)- Last week the City of Troy water placed first in a regional competition taste test, and will now be sent to Syracuse for the State Fair later this month.

The test was sponsored by the New York State Health Department, and included participants from the Village of Green Island, the City of Saratoga Springs, the City of Schenectady, and the City of Glens Falls. This group had already passed on regional tests from each participating county, which assures that Troy has the best water in the entire area. Green Island finished second and will also send a sample to the fair.

"Obviously we are very excited by the news, but not surprised at all," Mayor Harry Tutunjian said. "We have a wonderful natural supply of water from the Tomhannock Reservoir, and the pure taste of the water is something Trojans enjoy on a daily basis. Throw into the mix that we have a world-class treatment facility, and, as we are all keenly aware, our drinking water becomes a wonderful asset."

This is the second time that Troy has sent water to the State Fair as a taste test representative, but this year, Tutunjian thinks the City call pull off a win.

"Hopefully everyone tasting the water will feel the same way I do," Tutunjian said. "I also encourage anyone who wants to travel to Syracuse to stack the ballot box and get us the win."

The date of the taste test at the Syracuse State Fair is September 1st. The unscientific, "just-for-fun" competition, has drawn more than 150 participants in the past, with the winner being given a trophy and a sign proclaiming the municipality has the best water in the state."